



MAY 2006

EAA 932 NOTES AND NOTICES

*"Those who would sacrifice liberty for security
deserve neither." Benjamin Franklin*

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU WALK, TAXI AND DRIVE

The airport has recently planted grass seed in many areas of the airport. Most importantly for EAA 932, this includes the edge of the drive in front of our hangar. Please enter the hangar from either side, avoiding the newly seeded area until the grass is established. Thanks, your cooperation will help keep Galt Airport a showplace in McHenry County.

OPEN HOUSE APR. 22 / SAFETY SEMINAR APR. 29

EAA 932 hosted an open house for about 40 from Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock. John Roach put together a very nice PowerPoint presentation and then we explored a representative sampling of the aircraft based at Galt.



< Don Sword
Tom Hoppe >
Doug Bartlett
(below)
explain their
planes and the
type of flying
they do.



A thank you note from the group leader said this about their outing: "It opened our eyes to what a unique resource Galt and your club are to our community." We hope to do more of this type of public relations work in the future.

At the Safety Seminar Apr 29 (L to R) Eric Donker, Galt Dir. of Maint., Bob Schmelzer, D.P.E., Scott Landorf, FAA and John Roach participate in a round table discussion on the new Light Sport Aircraft and Light Sport Pilot rule.



Members who have yet to notice that it is 2006 and have not yet paid their **\$10 dues** should send a check to Dave Spitzbart, 250 Hoy Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098.

May 13 meeting – coffee at 9:30, followed by a short business meeting and *"Flying with Arthur Godfrey"* a look at airline flying in the 1950's when the Connie was new.

Members wishing to signup for the **Oshkosh Work Weekends** (May 20-21 or June 24 25) should contact John Roach – planejohn@aol.com or 815-444-7784.

Our **June 10** meeting falls on National **Young Eagles Day**. We'll need pilots, ground crew and Young Eagles to fly. Let us know your availability.

All members and their guests are welcome to attend the **June 17 Vintage Aero Picnic**. The Chapter and the airport will be providing barbeque, bring a dish to pass then come view and take pictures of the visiting aircraft. RSVP if you plan to attend – again, planejohn@aol.com or 815-444-7784.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 27 AT GALT

"Summer time, and the living is easy" especially come **August 27th** when Galt Airport will hold an Open House to celebrate the opening of it's new Maintenance Facility. While the airport's open house plans are still under development, EAA 932 already has committed to providing soft drinks and home-made cookies, an aviation theater featuring historic and exciting films, and a stop on the **Southern Wisconsin Poker Run**.



The Poker Run is part of a summer long event which in its first year features nine stops – all within easy flying distance of Galt Airport. Check the BB in either the Chapter Bldg. or the FBO for a poster listing the specific events and dates. Each of the Poker Run stops will be a "fly-in/drive-in" event throughout the summer and participants will need to acquire tokens from at least five events to qualify for prizes. Along with Galt Airport, close local Poker Run stops will include Big Foot and Beloit. The Poker Run Game Day will happen at Palmyra Airport on October 7 when three cash prizes amounting to a total of \$450 will be awarded.

The Galt Airport Open House will run from 10:00am to 3:00 pm and everyone is invited to enjoy what we hope will be a cloudless, sunny summer Sunday at Galt Airport.

LIGHT SPORT HUNTING

By William Laskey



The Flight Design CTSW

Having grown tired of applying for a special issuance certificate each year only to have the FAA reduce the amount of time for which it is valid and additionally, losing the papers I sent in, resulting in further delays, I decided to look into the possibility of flying in the Light Sport Category. With that in mind I arranged to attend the AOPA Expo in Tampa last fall, since a number of manufacturers were displaying their various LSA wares. I was particularly interested in the Flight Design CTSW (Composite Technology Short Wing) plane and when I called the dealer, I found out that it would be possible to take a test flight.

Upon arrival I headed right to the LSA display and was able to arrange a flight almost immediately. At the staging area and while waiting for the plane to come back from a test flight I talked to a nice German lady whose husband was test flying the plane. She said they liked it very much except she was concerned that the glareshield was made of such a dull material and that if they bought the plane the first thing she would do was to polish up the glareshield. I tried to explain the reason for the dullness but she wouldn't hear of it so I gave up.

When my turn came, I climbed into the plane and we took off. Once in the air the instructor handed the controls over to me and I flew around the bay area. It was windy and a bit bumpy and this being a lightweight plane I thought it would be tossed around quite a bit but that wasn't the case. It's a very nice plane with manufacturing begun in the Ukraine and then sent to Germany for most of the composite lay-up work. It has great visibility and a comfortable, roomy cockpit. Like many of the LSA's it uses the Rotax 912 ULS 100hp engine which seemed quite strong. As with many of the LSA you can get as much "glass" in the panel as you want. This plane had the Dynon EFIS/Sport which will give you an ADI display with ILS a HIS display a moving map and can interface with auto pilots and a GPS as well as a number of other configurations. The Garmin 396 was also installed so we listened to satellite music as we flew. There was also the standard steam gauge ASI, ALT, VSI, RPM as backup to the Dynon which also supplies all that information. I was very happy with the plane thought it handled easily and well and after landing, looked over some of the other offerings.

The Legend Cub and the Cubcrafters airplanes were there and they certainly are an attractive possibility offering roomier and more up-to-date versions of the legendary J-3. Offered as an option, is a BRS 1350 parachute which is, by the way, is standard with the CTSW. There were some low-wing aircraft such as the Thorpedo which was being test flown by a number of interested pilots. Having mostly flown high wing aircraft my interest was in that area.

Certainly, anyone interested in LSA needs to attend one of these gatherings. There are many and they are listed on the EAA website as well as an extensive amount of information covering all aspects of LSA. I did meet a large number of pilots who like me were either having the same frustration jumping through the FAA hoops when applying for their special issuance medicals or just not flying their well equipped planes as much as they used to and looking for something to fly a more limited, relaxed schedule with. There was one other plane which attracted my interest, the "Bravo" manufactured by Tecnam. Like my Cardinal it has a cantilever wing and a stabilator and since to move into LSA I would have to sell my Cardinal I was interested. However it was just a static display, no test flyer was available.

When we got back home I regretfully put my Cardinal up for sale.

After a few false starts I finally found a buyer that appreciated all the equipment and care which I have put into the plane and I shed a few tears when it changed hands.

(continued next month)

CHAPTER CALENDAR

Join us for coffee at 9:30 prior to meetings!

MAY 13 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (film)

MAY 19, 20, 21 OSHKOSH WORK WEEKEND

JUN 10 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (nom. comm. for Sec/Tres)

YOUNG EAGLES 11 – 4 PM

JUN 17 EAA 932 FLY IN (nearby Chapters, antique/classic owners picnic on "Lake Galt" 11 to 3 PM)

JUN 23, 24, 25 OSHKOSH WORK WEEKEND

JUL 8 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (film)

JUL 24-30 AIRVENTURE 2006 Oshkosh, WI www.eaa.org

AUG 12, 13 FLYERS & TIRES

SEP 9 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM YOUNG EAGLES 11 – 4 PM

SEP 30 FLY IN/DRIVE IN SAFETY SEMINAR 8:15 AM

OCT 14 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM prep for **CHILIFEST 6 PM**

NOV 11 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (election of officers, film)

DEC 9 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM (film)

PILOT ALERTS – EVENTS – FLY-INS

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AOPA: www.aopa.org

EAA: www.eaa.org

FAA: www.faa.gov

EAA 932: www.eaa932.org

IL DOT: www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html

WI DOT: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html

EAA 932 Meetings 2nd Saturdays @ 10 AM
Young Eagles Jun 10 & Sep 9 or by app. Contact any
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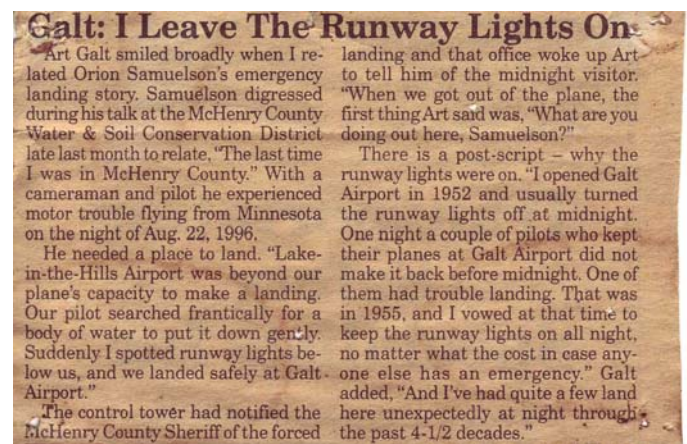
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